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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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5 October 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

FROM:

[REDACTED]
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Nomination for Chairman, TSCS

1. As I mentioned to you, there really isn't time available for me to devote an appropriate level of attention to the important work of the TSCS in the position of Chairman.

2. At the July TSCS meeting, I asked the membership for nominations among the members for a new chairman. I discussed this individually with each member during August and early September, cajoling, wheedling, threatening to get a positive response. Results, nothing. At the 26 September meeting of the TSCS, I again pressed for candidates for you to consider. The only response was a unanimous rejection of the idea that we just disband the Subcommittee.

3. On 5 October I received a call from [REDACTED] CIA's member of TSCS. He said that following discussion with [REDACTED] CIA would like to nominate [REDACTED] as Chairman, TSCS as second hat to his primary duties as Director of the [REDACTED]

4. I had previously mentioned [REDACTED] to you and to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as a possibility. In discussions with State SY, while trying to pressure them into taking the Chair, [REDACTED] name came up as an alternative. (State said categorically No

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to the Chairmanship since they already chair the very active ACM Working Group). [] observation about [] was ambivalent with a tilt toward the negative, out of concern about lack of aggressiveness and pressures of the position at ITC. Army, Navy and NSA had no comment on the suggestion.

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5. There seems to be a couple of alternatives.

a. Appoint someone from CIA. [] is a logical selection. He heads the biggest ACM element in the Community. He has the grade and position to exercise authority. He has easy access to the Chairman. On the other hand, he doesn't want it and unless one enjoys the Community give and take, which is particularly open when dealing with engineers, it can be trying. He is new to the entire tech arena and the learning curve is a heavy hill to climb.

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b. Appoint someone from the CSG. The GS-15 selected for the Facilities Branch or [] [] from that Branch are possibilities. Unfortunately, none of Community's nominees are really ACM oriented or experienced. [] has had experience in the field and knows most of the players. His grade, lack of experience in Community dealings in general, and chairmanship in particular, make me withhold a recommendation at this time for him to take this position.

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c. Inform the members of SECOM and offer them the opportunity to place someone in nomination. This has the advantage of another demonstration of the Community spirit and raises the level of solicitation from the working people who will be tasked to a supervisory level. I don't think there will be any takers and you may have to fall back on other options which you could also mention to the members. This would provide an opportunity for them to participate in the decision making and I believe that they would readily go along with any proposal you care to make.

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6. I recommend c, and, if you agree, will put this on the agenda for the next SECOM as an item of new business. In the interim perhaps we could discuss and give me your ideas.



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